

What is claimed is:

1. A method, comprising:

providing an update for altering network resources of a customer being hosted on one or more hosting servers of a hosting service;

5 selecting a first server of the hosting servers;

backing up a starting configuration of the first server;

utilizing an application program installer to apply the update to the network resources of the customer on the first server; and

10 determining whether to restore the starting configuration of the first server with a backup-restore application program.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining the application program installer incorrectly identified a successful installation of the update to the network resources of the customer on the first server;

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restoring the starting configuration of the first server with the backup-restore application program.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

20 selecting a second server of the hosting servers; and

replicating the first server onto the second server after utilizing the application program installer to apply the update to the network resources of the customer on the first server.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
selecting a second server of the hosting servers; and  
utilizing the application program installer to apply the update to the network  
5 resources of the customer on the second server.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the update comprises differences  
between the network resources of the customer hosted by the hosting service and a  
new version of the network resources prepared by the customer.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
wherein the application program installer is utilized to install updates to selected  
ones of Internet data files, database records, and software applications.

7. A machine accessible medium having instructions associated therewith,  
which when executed by a processor, are capable of directing the processor to perform:  
providing an update for altering network resources of a customer being hosted on  
one or more hosting servers of a hosting service;  
selecting a first server of the hosting servers;  
backing up a starting configuration of the first server;  
utilizing an application program installer to apply the update to the network  
resources of the customer on the first server; and

determining whether to restore the starting configuration of the first server with a backup-restore application program.

8. The medium of claim 7, said instructions comprising further instructions  
5 capable of directing the processor to perform:

determining the application program installer incorrectly identified a successful installation of the update to the network resources of the customer on the first server;  
and

restoring the starting configuration of the first server with the backup-restore  
10 application program.

9. The medium of claim 7, said instructions comprising further instructions  
capable of directing the processor to perform:

selecting a second server of the hosting servers; and

15 replicating the first server onto the second server after utilizing the application program installer to apply the update to the network resources of the customer on the first server.

10. The medium of claim 7, said instructions comprising further instructions  
20 capable of directing the processor to perform:

selecting a second server of the hosting servers; and

utilizing the application program installer to apply the update to the network resources of the customer on the second server.

11. The medium of claim 7, wherein the update comprises differences between the network resources of the customer hosted by the hosting service and a new version of the network resources prepared by the customer.

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12. The medium of claim 7, wherein the application program installer is utilized to install updates to selected ones of Internet data files, database records, and software applications.

13. A system implementing a new use for an application program installer operable to install an application program and rollback an installation if it appears unsuccessful, and a backup-restore application program operable to backup and restore a configuration of a machine, the system comprising:

a public network communicatively coupling a customer and a firewall;

a private network communicatively coupling the firewall, a content distributor, and a POD comprising hosting servers hosting network resources of the customer;

wherein an update from the customer to the network resources being hosted by the POD is received over the public network by the firewall and provided over the private network to the content distributor which is configured to select a first server of the hosting servers, utilize the backup-restore application program to back up a starting configuration of the first server, and utilize the application program installer to apply the update to the network resources being hosted by the POD.

14. The system of claim 13, wherein the first network further communicatively couples a client, and wherein access attempts by the client for the network resources being hosted by the POD are received by the firewall and provided to the POD.

5 15. The system of claim 13, wherein the content distributor is further configured to perform determining whether to restore the starting configuration of the first server with the backup-restore application program.

10 16. The system of claim 13, wherein the content distributor is further configured to perform:

determining the application program installer incorrectly identified a successful installation of the update to the network resources of the client on the first server; and  
restoring the starting configuration of the first server with the backup-restore application program.

15 17. The system of claim 13, wherein the content distributor is further configured to perform:

selecting a second server of the hosting servers; and  
replicating the first server onto the second server after utilizing the application  
20 program installer to apply the update to the network resources of the client on the first server.

18. The system of claim 13, wherein the update comprises differences between the network resources of the client hosted by the POD and a new version of the network resources prepared by the client.

5 19. The system of claim 13, wherein the application program installer is utilized to install updates to selected ones of Internet data files, database records, and software applications.

10 20. A method comprising a new use for an application program installer operable to install an application program and rollback an installation if it appears unsuccessful, and a backup-restore application program operable to backup and restore a configuration of a machine, the method comprising:

providing an update for altering network resources of a customer being hosted on one or more hosting servers of a hosting service;

15 selecting a first server of the hosting servers;

backing up a starting configuration of the first server;

utilizing the application program installer to apply the update to the network resources of the customer on the first server; and

20 determining whether to restore the starting configuration of the first server with the backup-restore application program.

21. The new use method of claim 20, further comprising:

determining the application program installer incorrectly identified a successful installation of the update to the network resources of the customer on the first server; and

restoring the starting configuration of the first server with the backup-restore application program.

22. The new use method of claim 20, further comprising:

selecting a second server of the hosting servers; and

replicating the first server onto the second server after utilizing the application program installer to apply the update to the network resources of the customer on the first server.